

**Pew Sheet for Shiplake-with-Dunsden**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**  
**Candlemas**

**Readings Today:**

**Malachi 3.1-5**

<sup>3</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

**Hebrews 2.14-end**

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## Luke 2.22-40

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ <sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ <sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 6.1-8(9-end) 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 5.1-11

## Prayers:

Amongst our friends, and in this united Benefice we pray this week for Irene Howard, Bill Willatt, Pam Bessell, Julie Needham, Jamie Hayward, Christine Harvey, Peter Saint, Mike and Angela Aires, Mark, and Michael.

## Diary for February

<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
2.30pm to 4.00pm	Shiplake, The Ark	A Cuppa, Cake and Catch up
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
10.00am	Harpsden, St Peters Vestry	Prayer Group
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist with Wholeness and Healing
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b>	
2.00pm	Prayer Group	(phone 0118 940 1580 for venue)
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Before Lent</b>	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>	
10.00am	Shiplake	Morning Prayers
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	
7.30pm	Shiplake, The Ark	Deanery Synod
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
9.30am	Harpsden	Eucharist
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Before Lent</b>	
9.30am	Harpsden	Sung Eucharist & Sunday School
11.00am	Dunsden	Sung Eucharist – Snowdrop Sunday
11.00am	Shiplake	Sung Eucharist

## Parish Notices:

We would like to extend a warm invitation across the Benefice to join us at All Saints, Dunsden on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February – for Snowdrop Sunday - from 10.00am to 5.00pm (Morning Service will be at 11.00am). The Church & grounds will be open all day, with things to do for all the family: guided tours of the Church and grounds; live music and readings; learning about the Wilfrid Owen Trail & refreshments available throughout the day. Entry is free. All donations will go towards the fund for the urgent re-decoration of the church.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, for Health & Safety reasons, the gravestones at Dunsden Church will be subject to a 'topple-test'. Those found to be unsafe will be laid flat from this date for the safety of those visiting our beautiful churchyard.

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